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CPYRGHT (POWERS)

WASHINGTON--THE STATE DEPARTMENT TODAY SAID U-2 PILOT FRANCIS GARY POWERS IS "COOPERATING FULLY" WITH HIS INTERROGATORS AND HAS VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE A LIE DETECTOR TEST.

DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN LINCOLN WHITE GAVE NO INDICATION WHEN THE INTERROGATION WOULD END OR WHEN POWERS, KEPT IN SECLUSION BY THE GOVERNMENT SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM SOVIET PRISON FEB. 10, WOULD BE FREE TO FACE NEWSMEN AND CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS.

WHITE SAID NO LIE DETECTOR TESTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE PILOT "ALTHOUGH HE VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE SUCH A TEST".

WHITE TERMED "TOTALLY INACCURATE" A NEWS MAGAZINE REPORT THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN "TRUTH SERUM" TO POWERS TO JOG HIS MEMORY ON DETAILS HE MAY HAVE GIVEN SOVIET INTERROGATORS.

"HE HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN ANY DRUGS, NOR IS THERE ANY THOUGHT BEING GIVEN TO ADMINISTERING DRUGS TO POWERS",WHITE SAID

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